

NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
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2018 NJSIAA BOYS AND GIRLS SWIMMING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
COACHES & OFFICIALS MUST HAVE A COPY OF THESE REGULATIONS AT EACH STATE MEET

TO QUALIFY:

In the Public Division, eight (8) men's teams and eight (8) women's teams will qualify in Divisions in each of four (4) Sections; North I, North II, Central and South.

In the Non-Public Division, 8 men's teams and 8 women's teams will qualify in each Division A and B.

Public Schools sponsoring swimming programs will be classified in each section "A" & "B" & "C" divisions based on enrollment. The classification will be posted as a separate document. Boys and Girls Swim Classifications-Gender specific.

All Schools sponsoring Swim are required to submit two (2) Power Point Swim Meets to NJSIAA by Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:00am. Schools not wishing to enter the Team Tournament must submit their Tournament Refusal Designation (Website), however, the Power Point Meets are still a requirement! Procedures are identified below: "in order to qualify". Fines will be levied for schools that fail to Power Point the required meets.

To be eligible member schools must have competed on an interscholastic basis, and must have participated in at least six (6) interscholastic dual meets. Regardless of reason, only meets completed by the following date will count for qualification: Monday, January 29, 2018

Participants must have competed in at least fifty percent (50%) of the school's total interscholastic dual meets with eligible, up to and including the cut-off date. Swimmers returning from a medical leave must have the physician's release signed by the director of athletics and filled with the NJSIAA twenty-four hours before swimming in a tournament meet.

Combined teams will be eligible to compete as Men's Team only. To maintain eligibility for this tournament, declared combined teams may not have a separated into a Boys and Girls team for competition during the season. Combined teams may not separate for any meet which keeps team scores. Combined teams cannot enter both the Boys and Girls Championships. Separate teams cannot combine Boys and Girls into combined teams for the Team Championships. Men are not permitted to compete on women's teams; therefore, all **combined teams are recognized as men's teams.** Athletic guidelines presently permit women to compete on men's teams if the program is not offered for women. **Co-ed Team Clarification **page 6.**

In order to qualify, your team must submit the Team Championship Director:

- 1) The two (2) best interscholastic meets sheets (wins or losses) according to NISCA Power Points and the **print-out** power point chart for your two (2) best meets. **FACE SHEET must be signed and included in the entry. The interactive form will calculate the points.** Women on combined teams must use the Men's interactive form for calculation. You must attach and submit a copy of the meet sheets from these two (2) meets which must be signed by the referee and opposing coach. The power point print-out must be signed by your Coach, Principal, and Athletic Director. An interactive meter to yard conversion chart can be found in the Individual Swimming Regulations. The Tournament Director reserves the right to disqualify when times cannot be verified. **DO NOT INCLUDE DIVING SCORES. DIVING WILL NOT BE A PART OF THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS.**
- 2) Fax or email your two (2) power point print-outs AND the corresponding two (2) meet sheets, to the NJSIAA Office along with the Team Championship Entry sheet with information and signatures and the 2018: Face Sheet! All teams must include the Conversion Table if applicable when submitting Power Point Entry. All Sheets must be sent together!
- 3) All varsity schedules MUST be entered by the start of the season, and scores, along with first place times must be reported to www.njschoolsports.com as soon as possible after each contest. If you do not know your school code, or encounter problems, please contact support@njschoolsports.com or the NJSIAA.

- 4) Entry Deadlines – Boys and Girls Entries Close – Monday, January 29, 2018
Entries must be in the office of the NJSIAA by Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 11:00am. Entries must be emailed to tmaselli@njsiaa.org
- 5) Entry Fee – Eighty dollars (\$80.00) to NJSIAA – DO NOT FORWARD TO NJSIAA UNTIL YOUR SCHOOL IS NOTIFIED THAT YOUR TEAM HAS QUALIFIED.
- 6) Your two (2) power point totals will be averaged. The eight (8) schools with the highest point totals in each Division will be considered in the seeding process. Winners of the Public State Semifinals Meets and the Non-Public Sectional Meets will advance to the State Championship Meet. The 3rd relay will not be considered in that determination.
POWER POINTS WILL CARRY THROUGHOUT THE TOURNAMENT. SECTIONAL MEETS WILL **NOT** BE POWER POINTED.

NOTIFICATION DATE:

Brackets will be posted on nj.com (Sports-High School-Swimming) Feb. 1, 2018 and a link from the NJSIAA Web (www.njsiaa.org) by February 2, 2018. Brackets are official at 11:00am on February 2, 2018.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES:

1. Any player with two (2) or more disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct in the current season, prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament, will be unable to compete in said tournament.
2. Any varsity team accumulating three (3) or more players or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of the NJSIAA tournament will not be permitted to participate in same. Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament for the team.

To promote fairness in competition and the health and safety of student athletes, no NJSIAA member school will be eligible to participate in NJSIAA Championship Tournament if it has violated the Specific Sports Regulations for the sport including, but not limited to, the start of practice, the start and ending of the sport season and the maximum contest permitted during the regular season. The application of this eligibility standard is non-appealable.

SPECIFIC SPORTS REGULATIONS (found in the *New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association Handbook 2017-2018 Constitution, Bylaws, and Rules & Regulations*)

RULE 17. Swimming

Section 1. Rules The National Federation Swimming Rules shall govern all NJSIAA meets.

Section 2. Start of Practice November 6, 2017

Section 3. Start of Regular Season November 25, 2017

Section 4. End of Season As provided for Rule 2, Section 10.

Section 5. Transfers on or after January 6, 2018 are not eligible for post-season play. (Article V, Section 4.K(2).c)

Section 6. Meets Per Week Not more than a total of three (3) swimming meets may be held per week beginning with the week of the Start of Regular Schedule (Rule 2, Section 8) to the start of the State Tournament (this includes interschool scrimmages, regular meets, postponed meets, and invitational meets), but meets may not be conducted on three (3) consecutive days. This section does not apply to State Tournament scheduling.

Section 7. Maximum Meets A member school may compete in twenty-three (23) meets, including scrimmages as provided for in Rules 2, Section 7, Article 2, and the State Tournament. All championship meets count toward the total of twenty-four. Any member school may choose to play one four-game week per season by adding a game that has been postponed earlier due to either weather, facility or bus problems, to a three game week prior to the State Tournament.

- CL 1 Schools with a declared separate boys and girls team may not swim as a combined team unless swimming against a declared combined team. Declared combined teams may not swim a separate boys team or a separate girls team in interscholastic meets.
- CL 2 **Diving will not be included as an event during the regular season, the NJSIAA Power Points championship or in the NISCA Power Points for disqualification for the team championship competition. Conferences may include diving in conference meets. Schools may include Diving in non-conference meets by written agreement of the competing schools.**
- CL3 Scrimmages during the regular season count toward the allowable meets.

Section 8. Championship Eligibility A student competing on an interscholastic swimming team must swim as a member of his/her high school team in at least 50% of the school's total meets (while he/she attends said school), to be eligible for the NJSIAA Championship Meet.

- CL1 This means a student must swim in at least 50% of the school's meets up to and including the cut-off date while he/she was properly enrolled and eligible at said school under NJSIAA regulations.
- CL2 Late entries will not be accepted as outlined in Rule 2, Section 13.

Section 9. Officials

Article 1...A minimum of three (3) NJSIAA registered officials is required for all championship meets.

Article 2...A minimum of two (2) NJSIAA registered officials shall be used for all other varsity meets.

Article 3...A minimum of four (4) NJSIAA registered officials will be assigned to all State Championship meets beginning with the State Sectional Championship.

RULES, SITE REQUIREMENTS AND COSTS

All dual meets and scoring will be according to the 2017-2018 National Federation Swimming Rules, as amended by the NJSIAA. State team swim meets may be scheduled on any date, but must be completed by the show date listed in these regulations. Those schools having only one head coach, and both a boys and a girls team in the tournament, are responsible to notify all possible opponents as soon as the brackets are posted, that adjustments in the schedule may be necessary.

Approval must be granted by the NJSIAA Assistant Director and Team Swim Tournament Director for any change in date. It is expected that all schools will work together to accommodate teams with only one coach, but if agreement cannot be reached, the boys meet may be scheduled before or on the stated date, and the girls may be scheduled on the specific date or the show date.

Each team will provide a minimum of three timers with stop watches at all meets and a Team Scorer at the Table!

**The lower seeded team will have the choice of odd or even numbered lanes
ENTRY CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH MEET – First and Last Names!**

PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC, SECTIONAL QUARTER AND SEMIFINALS AND NON-PUBLIC SECTIONAL FINALS

Each site will assume the cost of pool rental and site maintenance. Meets will be conducted at the site of the school with the higher NISCA power points. The time of the meet will be at the discretion of the host school. All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, and starting platforms. Electronic timing is recommended. The lower seeded team will host if the higher seeded team cannot provide a site with electronic timing and the lower seed can provide it. The higher seeded team will arrange for officials. Each team will provide a scorer.

THE COACHES OF BOTH TEAMS SHALL REPORT THE RESULTS & FIRST PLACE TIMES OF THE MEET TO www.njschoolsports.com following the meet. Failure to do so may result in penalties imposed by the NJSIAA. First time warning, Second time \$150 fine, Third time elimination from the tournament. (NEW FOR 2018)

Three (3) officials must be assigned to each meet by the higher seeded team at a fee of eighty dollars (\$80.00 per official). Participating teams will split the cost of the officials. **Home Team will pay the officials and the visiting team shall pay the home school \$120 (1 ½ officials fee)**. If the Host School charges admission, it must be approved by NJSIAA. Revenues are to be used to defray expenses for the Meet and proper notification is to be given to visiting school.

PUBLIC AND SECTIONAL FINALS AND STATE SEMIFINALS

All sites must meet National Federation specifications, with a minimum of six lanes, starting platforms and electronic timing. Host Site Director will provide an official scorer, announcer, and electronic timing operator. ***Three officials will be assigned by the SOANJ Rules Interpreters***. Each participating school must send a check to the NJSIAA in the amount of two hundred forty dollars (\$240.00 for each round the team advances). This amount will cover the fees of the Officials, Site Director, Announcer, Scorer and Electronic Timing Operator.

FINALS: NO FEE is charged to schools participating in the State Finals at The College of New Jersey.

PUBLIC BOYS & GIRLS – A & B & C

Meets can be held as combined dual meets if the schools involved are all in agreement.

*Sectional Preliminaries (#5 vs. #8; #6 vs. #7)	Boys/Girls A, B & C	On or before Tuesday, February 6, 2018
*Sectional Quarterfinals	Boys/Girls A, B & C	On or before Friday, February 9, 2018 (Snow Date February 10 th)
*Sectional Semifinals	Boys/Girls A, B & C	Monday, February 12, 2018 (Snow Date February 13 th)
*Sectional Finals	Girls Division A, B & C North I North II Central South	Thursday, February 15, 2018 PCTI Raritan Bay Area YMCA Neptune Aquatics February 15th (GCIT) Boys
	Boys Division A, B & C North I North II Central South	Friday, February 16, 2018 PCTI Raritan Bay Area YMCA Neptune Aquatics February 14th (GCIT) Girls

Note: Sectional Finalists will **NOT** be re-seeded before advancing to the State Semifinals within each division. Original power point averages will be used to seed the sectional finalists for the semifinal meets. The winners of the Semifinals will advance to the State Championship meets.

*State Semifinals Sites & Times TBD	Girls Division A, B, C	Tuesday, February 20, 2018
	Boys Division A, B, C	Wednesday, February 21, 2018

NON-PUBLIC BOYS & GIRLS - A & B

*Sectional Preliminaries (#5 vs. #8; #6 vs. #7)	Boys/Girls A & B	On or before Friday, February 9, 2018 (<i>Snow Date February 10th</i>)
*Sectional Quarterfinal (5/8 vs #4; 6/7 vs. 3)	Boys/Girls A & B	On or before Tuesday February 13, 2018 (<i>Snow Date February 14th</i>)
*Sectional Semifinals	Boys/Girls A/B	February 19 th NP A at Raritan Bay Area YMCA; NP B at Neptune Aquatics

PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS: Site Director – Linda DuBois

Girls Public & Non Public	Saturday, February 24, 2018	The College of New Jersey
Boys Public & Non-Public	Sunday, February 25, 2018	The College of New Jersey

METER POOL: Advance notification to the opponent is mandatory!

POSTPONEMENTS: Contact Robert Horvath, Tournament Director (856-667-8992) who has authority to set rescheduled meets if schools cannot agree.

ATTENTION: SCHOOLS ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE GRANTED A CHANGE OF DATE/TIME DUE TO ANY CONFLICTS WITH SCHOOL TRIPS, PROMS, BANQUETS, SAT'S, GRADUATION, AND THE LIKE.

TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURE – Coaches must have copy of these regulations at each meet.

NISCA Power Points in that meet will determine winner, **not including 3rd relay. The timers must be assigned to all lanes.** (All timers must have pencils, clipboard and paper. The Host Site Director/Meet Director must have a copy of the NISCA POWER POINT schedule at each tournament site. When the NISCA Power Points are tied, the tie will be broken in the following order: (The interactive power point form should be used if the internet is available).

1. Fewer number of sixth (6th) places
2. Power points of A and B relays
3. Greater number of first (1st) places
4. Greater number of second (2nd) places
5. Greater number of third (3rd) places
6. Greater number of fourth (4th) places
7. Greater number of fifth (5th) places
8. Coin toss

A CO-CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE DECLARED IF TEAMS ARE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FINAL MEET.

LIABILITY

The NJSIAA, the schools or organizations providing Sites and Site Director will in no way be liable for any injury, damage, or theft sustained in any manner in connection with the conduct of these championships.

DISQUALIFICATION

Participation by any eligible swimmer in any meet during the regular season results in forfeiture of all points achieved by the ineligible swimmer and final results are adjusted accordingly. If such forfeit(s) would have caused the school's failure to qualify for the swimming team championships, the schools will be disqualified from the championships immediately and the school's last opponent will advance in their place, if applicable and feasible; schools eliminated prior to the last opponent will not re-enter tournament competition. If any ineligible swimmer participates in a championship meet, said swimmer will be disqualified from the championship immediately and final results adjusted accordingly.

RECORDS State Individual records can be set with proper verification by Meet Referee, Head Judge, and Head Timer.

MECHANICAL NOISEMAKERS, SIGNS, POSTERS, HAND-HELD SIGNS, BALLOONS, BANNERS, FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES are not permitted. **NO FACE PAINT on Deck.**

Because of the indoor conditions, bands will not be admitted and all mechanical noise-making devices shall be excluded from the site.

Balloons will not be permitted inside the pool area.

The New Jersey statutes clearly state that it is unlawful for any person to possess or use firecrackers, or similar type of explosives. Accordingly, firecrackers are not permitted in or around any pool or parking area, and anyone found selling, possessing, or using fireworks of any nature will be arrested and duly prosecuted.

With the exception of official NJSIAA banners, no signs, banners, or posters will be permitted to be hung in any manner in pool areas during the course of the NJSIAA championships. Game Site Managers will be instructed to rigidly enforce these regulations.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STUDENT BODY AND FANS OF THESE REGULATIONS.

NOTE: SCHOOLS NOT WILLING OR ABLE TO COMPLY WITH TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS SHOULD NOT ENTER THE TOURNAMENT.

PLEASE NOTE: CHECK INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY AND SUBMIT ENTRY FORM TO THE PROPER ADDRESS LISTED. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NJSIAA HAS RULED THAT MEMBER SCHOOLS FAILING TO FORWARD FORMS TO THE PROPER ADDRESS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS IN THAT SPORT.

AWARDS

A trophy and twenty-five (25) certificates will be awarded to Sectional Champions and State Champions in each Division.

Twenty-five (25) certificates will be awarded to the State Runner-up.

ADMISSION

Admission to the State Group Finals at The College of New Jersey will be: TBD

**ROSTERS MUST BE SUBMITTED AT www.njschoolsports.com
at the beginning of the season and updated near tournament time.**

Reporting Scores and First Place Times to www.njschoolsports.com is MANDATORY! Scores and times must be entered on the day of the meet. This is a Point of Emphasis for the 2017-2018 season and penalties will be assessed if schools do not comply with these regulations.

****Co-ed Team Clarification**

1. *A Co-ed Team may swim against another Co-ed Team, a Boy's Team only or a Boy's Team with Girl's from that same schools Girl's Team. A Co-ed Team MAY NOT swim against a Girl's Team. A Co-ed Team may power point the meet. The Boy's Team (with all Boy's or Girl's too) may power point the meet BUT all the girls points will be ZERO – No points for the girl's swimming with the boy's team.*
2. *If a schools with a Boy's Team and Girl's Team competes in a meet against a Co-ed team, the meet counts as one meet for all swimmers. By rule 3 meets/week with this meet counting as 1 meet.*
3. *Times may be used as qualifying times for all swimmers.*
4. *The meet counts towards 50% attendance in meets for team and individual states.*
5. *School A Boy's Team swims against a Co-ed team school C and school A Girl's Team has a meet against an all girl's school, school B, the girls may swim in either meet versus school A or school B, but NOT in both!*
6. *Remember a Co-ed Team is considered a Boy's Team for all intent purposes.*

**AN INTERACTIVE FORM FOR DETERMINING
POWER POINTS WILL BE USED AGAIN FOR THE 2018 SEASON**

**POWER POINT CALCULATORS FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS, ARE LOCATED JUST BELOW
THIS FILE ON THE NJSIAA WEBSITE**

Directions for usage are included in each calculator

Hand calculated forms will not be accepted

ENTRY:

1. Power Point Cover Sheet with Signatures and Coach Information.
2. Two Face Meet Sheets must be signed by Referee, Starter and Turn Judge and Actual Meet Sheets for both Power Point Meets – times must be legible. All officials must sign.
3. Two Power Point Calculation Sheets.
4. Conversion Chart must be sent if applicable.

All items must be legible and SENT Together with School ID.

All Entry Forms must be in the NJSIAA Office on January 29, 2018 by 11:00AM!

Mail only as a backup when there is no fax confirmation or e-mail is not possible!

**Send to: Tony Maselli, Assistant Director
NJSIAA
1161 Route 130, PO Box 486
Robbinsville, NJ 08691**

NEW 2017-2018 ALL FORMS MUST BE EMAILED TO: tmaselli@njsiaa.org

*Reminder: Any athlete with two disqualifications during the season is not eligible for participation in any NJSIAA tournament for that sport.

Sectional Bracket System (2017):

The #1 and #2 Seed will received Byes in the Preliminary Round and Quarterfinal Round. The #3 and #4 Seed will receive a Bye in the Preliminary Round. In the Preliminary Round (first round), the #5 Seed will swim the #8 Seed for the honor to swim the #4 Seed in the Quarterfinal Round and the #6 Seed will swim the #7 Seed for the honor to swim the #3 Seed in the Quarterfinal Round. The winner of the Quarterfinals will swim the #1 and #2 Seeds respectively.